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PREFACE

The ***2016-17 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates*** reports the requirements for public monies from the General Revenue Fund to fund the operations of the Legislative Assembly and its Offices for the fiscal year commencing April 1, 2016. Together with the *2016-17 Government Estimates*, this document identifies the total requirements for public monies from the General Revenue Fund for the year.

This **Preface** provides a summary of the various kinds of information presented, an overview of the appropriations process, and definitions of supply votes and selected terms.

The **Schedule of Amounts to be Voted** illustrates how the supply votes will be presented in the schedule to the *Appropriation Act, 2016* to be tabled in the Legislative Assembly.

Summary information is provided in the following tables:

- Voted Amount by Office,
- Amounts Not Required to be Voted by Office, and
- Full Time Equivalent Employment.

The **details provided for each office** presents information on amounts for each office to be drawn from the General Revenue Fund as required by section 24 of the *Financial Administration Act*. The details include the following information, as applicable:

- Amount to be Voted,
- Supplementary Financial Information (including a statement of objective and services provided),
- Voted Spending by Program,
- Amounts Not Required to be Voted,
- Statement of Operations, and
- Capital Investment.

Appropriations from the General Revenue Fund

In Alberta, the supply process is governed by the conventions and legal requirements of the Canadian Constitution, Alberta's *Financial Administration Act*, and the Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

When the *2016-17 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates* is tabled in the Legislative Assembly, it will be moved to Committee of Supply. The Standing Orders direct that Committee of Supply will vote on the report without debate or amendment. The supply votes as approved by the resolutions of Committee of Supply will be drafted into the *Appropriation Act, 2016 Bill* introduced to the Legislative Assembly. Once this bill is enacted by royal assent, the Legislative Assembly and its Offices will have the authority to draw cash from the General Revenue Fund up to the limits of the supply votes set out in the *Act*.

The *2016-17 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates* details the estimated amounts required by each office for the coming year. Each Office's estimate amounts are divided into:

- those that require authority to draw cash from the General Revenue Fund under a supply vote pursuant to an appropriation act, and
- those that do not require a supply vote because no cash disbursement is required.

Most non-cash amounts are for expenses related to cash disbursed under a supply vote in a prior fiscal year. For example, amortization expense is related to the cash disbursements authorized under a capital supply vote when the capital asset was acquired. Other non-cash amounts are for transactions that will not require cash, such as the year-over-year changes in vacation benefit liabilities.

Definitions of Supply Votes and Other Terms

An **Estimate** is the amount requested by an Office of the Legislative Assembly to meet each of its planned commitments for the fiscal year commencing April 1, 2016. The *Financial Administration Act* requires the *2016-17 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates* to report estimates of any amount that will require a cash withdrawal from the General Revenue Fund.

A **Supply Vote** is a discrete allocation from the *2016-17 Offices of the Legislative Assembly Estimates* that defines the amount of cash funding that may be drawn from the General Revenue Fund for a specified purpose. Unlike government departments, each office's cash funding requirements for any and all expense, capital investment and financial transactions requirements are combined in a single vote for each Office and the Assembly itself.

An **Appropriation** is an authorization to withdraw and expend public money from the General Revenue Fund or another provincial fund or account. Following parliamentary tradition, the *Financial Administration Act* requires that all such authorities be provided in legislation passed by the Legislative Assembly. Appropriations may be created by an appropriation act or under an existing statute. Appropriations under an appropriation act must be created pursuant to a supply vote, or a set of supply votes, as resolved by the Committee of Supply.

Expense amounts are cash disbursements for the purposes of salaries, supplies and services, operating grants, capital grants to parties outside the Consolidated Government, as well as interest expense and other debt servicing costs for borrowing related to both capital and general government purposes.

Capital Investment consists of cash disbursements for the purposes of investments by the Consolidated Government in tangible capital assets valued at $5,000 or more.

Financial Transactions consist of cash disbursements for the purposes of payments for the reduction of a liability (including debt repayment), expenses to be recognized in a future year, the acquisition of financial assets (including in particular the making of loans or advances), or the purchase of inventories. Financial liabilities for alternatively financed capital projects are reduced by payments from a Financial Transactions vote.

SCHEDULE OF AMOUNTS TO BE VOTED
SUPPLY VOTES AS PRESENTED IN THE APPROPRIATION BILL

OFFICE and VOTE		2016-17 Estimate
Support to the Legislative Assembly	$	67,897,000
Office of the Auditor General	$	26,754,000
Office of the Ombudsman	$	3,328,000
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	$	5,668,000
Office of the Ethics Commissioner	$	1,130,000
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	$	6,857,000
Office of the Child and Youth Advocate	$	13,242,000
Office of the Public Interest Commissioner	$	1,231,000
Total amount to be voted under section 1 of the *Appropriation Act, 2016*	$	126,107,000

VOTED SPENDING BY OFFICE

(thousands of dollars)

	Comparable			
	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Budget	2015-16 Forecast	**2016-17 Estimate**
EXPENSE				
Support to the Legislative Assembly	57,878	66,356	63,089	**67,053**
Office of the Auditor General	26,719	26,619	26,619	**26,619**
Office of the Ombudsman	3,207	3,282	3,046	**3,328**
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	7,424	31,185	21,331	**5,168**
Office of the Ethics Commissioner	896	1,153	908	**1,130**
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	6,770	6,843	6,757	**6,822**
Office of the Child and Youth Advocate	12,319	13,192	13,208	**13,192**
Office of the Public Interest Commissioner	1,190	1,249	1,100	**1,231**
Sub-total	116,403	149,879	136,058	**124,543**
CAPITAL INVESTMENT				
Support to the Legislative Assembly	3,338	1,566	1,743	**540**
Office of the Auditor General	275	135	135	**135**
Office of the Ombudsman	9	-	-	**-**
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	231	500	500	**500**
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	19	-	-	**35**
Office of the Child and Youth Advocate	75	50	34	**50**
Office of the Public Interest Commissioner	6	-	-	**-**
Sub-total	3,953	2,251	2,412	**1,260**
FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS				
Support to the Legislative Assembly	244	277	275	**304**
Total	120,600	152,407	138,745	**126,107**

AMOUNTS NOT REQUIRED TO BE VOTED BY OFFICE

EXPENSE				
Support to the Legislative Assembly	3,091	2,912	2,910	**2,939**
Office of the Auditor General	292	250	250	**250**
Office of the Ombudsman	94	52	36	**20**
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	469	720	720	**400**
Office of the Ethics Commissioner	17	24	15	**15**
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	84	74	74	**74**
Office of the Child and Youth Advocate	325	411	411	**411**
Office of the Public Interest Commissioner	20	-	2	**2**
Total	4,392	4,443	4,418	**4,111**

FULL TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYMENT

	Comparable 2015-16 Budget	**2016-17 Estimate**
Support to the Legislative Assembly	405	**414**
Office of the Auditor General	148	**148**
Office of the Ombudsman	25	**25**
Office of the Chief Electoral Officer	19	**23**
Office of the Ethics Commissioner	4	**4**
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	42	**42**
Office of the Child and Youth Advocate	66	**67**
Office of the Public Interest Commissioner	8	**8**
Total	717	**731**

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Support to the Legislative Assembly

The Honourable Robert E. Wanner
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
Robert H. Reynolds, QC
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

The Legislative Assembly is the parliament of Alberta, consisting of members who are elected by the people of Alberta. Through them, Albertans make provincial laws and provide money needed by the government for the present and future good of the people of the province. In keeping with the time-honoured tradition of parliamentary self-government, the Lieutenant Governor gives assent to the laws so made by Albertans.

AMOUNTS TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable			
	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Budget	2015-16 Forecast	**2016-17 Estimate**
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY	61,460	68,199	65,107	**67,897**

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

OBJECTIVE

To provide for the necessary administrative and financial support to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Provides all services required for the operation of the Legislative Assembly including committees.

Provides for publication of Alberta Hansard, the Order Paper, Votes and Proceedings, and Bills.

Provides for public information, public education and visitor services programs.

Provides a library service to the Legislature, public service and general public.

Provides for expenses incurred in connection with inter-parliamentary relations activities.

Provides for payment of mailing, telephone, and other communication expenses for Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides for expenses for Members' constituency and Legislature offices.

Provides for payment of indemnities, committee allowances, expense allowances, living expenses, and contributions for retirement investment plans to or on behalf of Members of the Legislative Assembly as authorized by the *Legislative Assembly Act*.

Provides for payment of premiums for health and disability benefits for Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides information technology services to support Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides for legal, procedural and security services to support Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides for transportation expenses of Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Provides for payment of expenses associated with the redevelopment of the Edmonton Federal Building for space to be occupied by the Legislative Assembly (in addition to costs borne by Alberta Infrastructure).

VOTED SPENDING BY PROGRAM

(thousands of dollars)		Comparable			
		2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Budget	2015-16 Forecast	**2016-17 Estimate**
EXPENSE					
1	Legislative Assembly Office Administration	18,211	23,584	21,857	**24,574**
2	Members of the Legislative Assembly Administration	31,845	34,312	32,952	**34,008**
3	Government Members' Services	2,744	4,927	3,583	**3,585**
4	Official Opposition Services (WRP)	2,014	1,482	2,790	**2,824**
5	PC Opposition Services	-	894	1,101	**1,130**
6	Liberal Opposition Services	862	815	329	**329**
7	AP Opposition Services	-	-	327	**329**
8	Vacant Member Services	-	-	-	**79**
9	NDP Opposition Services	819	-	-	-
10	Independent Member's Services (Mr. Allen, MLA)	54	-	-	-
11	Independent Member's Services (Mr. Webber, MLA)	79	-	-	-
12	Independent Member's Services (Mr. Anglin, MLA)	52	192	-	-
13	Independent Member's Services (Ms. Kennedy-Glans, MLA)	69	-	-	-
14	Planning and Development Initiatives	1,129	150	150	**195**
CAPITAL INVESTMENT					
1	Legislative Assembly Office Administration	489	100	277	-
2	Members of the Legislative Assembly Administration	-	126	126	**10**
14	Planning and Development Initiatives	2,849	1,340	1,340	**530**
ACQUISITION OF INVENTORY					
1	Legislative Assembly Office Administration	244	277	275	**304**
Total		61,460	68,199	65,107	**67,897**

AMOUNTS NOT REQUIRED TO BE VOTED

The following amounts do not require a supply vote either because no cash disbursement is required, or because the Legislative Assembly has already provided the funding authority pursuant to a statute other than an appropriation act.

EXPENSE					
NON-CASH AMOUNTS					
	Amortization	2,635	2,635	2,635	**2,635**
	Consumption of Inventory	241	277	275	**304**
	Valuation Adjustments and Other Provisions	215	-	-	-
Total		3,091	2,912	2,910	**2,939**

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable			
	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Budget	2015-16 Forecast	**2016-17 Estimate**
REVENUE				
Other Premiums, Fees and Licences	-	2	3	**2**
Other Revenue	833	400	400	**430**
Total	833	402	403	**432**
EXPENSE				
Support to the Legislative Assembly	60,969	69,268	65,999	**69,992**
Net Operating Result	(60,136)	(68,866)	(65,596)	**(69,560)**

CAPITAL INVESTMENT

Support to the Legislative Assembly	3,338	1,566	1,743	**540**

ALBERTA

Office of the Auditor General

Merwan N. Saher
Auditor General

The vision and mission of the Office of the Auditor General is making a difference in the lives of Albertans by identifying opportunities to improve the performance of and confidence in the public service.

AMOUNTS TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable			
	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Budget	2015-16 Forecast	**2016-17 Estimate**
AUDITOR GENERAL	26,994	26,754	26,754	**26,754**

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

OBJECTIVE

To serve the Legislative Assembly and Albertans by examining and reporting publicly on government's management of, and accountability practices for, the public resources entrusted to it. Under the *Auditor General Act*, the Auditor General is the auditor of all government ministries, departments, funds and provincial agencies.

The office supports the all-party Standing Committee on Public Accounts in holding government accountable for the cost effective use of public resources. To succeed we must be, and be seen to be, independent and accountable for results.

SERVICES PROVIDED

The office's core business is legislative auditing. We have two distinct lines of business:

1. **Financial statements auditing**—providing assurance on the quality of the recurring financial reporting to the Legislative Assembly of 143 entities, including the government's consolidated financial statements.
2. **Systems auditing**
   - **Stand-alone audits**—answering the question for major programs or initiatives, "Does the organization have the policies, processes and controls to accomplish its goals, including procedures to measure and report on effectiveness?"
   - **By-products of other audits**—recommending how to improve governance and accountability, internal control over financial management, information technology, or performance reporting.

VOTED SPENDING BY PROGRAM

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable			
	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Budget	2015-16 Forecast	**2016-17 Estimate**
EXPENSE				
1 Office of the Auditor General	26,719	26,619	26,619	**26,619**
CAPITAL INVESTMENT				
1 Office of the Auditor General	275	135	135	**135**
Total	26,994	26,754	26,754	**26,754**

AMOUNTS NOT REQUIRED TO BE VOTED

The following amounts do not require a supply vote either because no cash disbursement is required, or because the Legislative Assembly has already provided the funding authority pursuant to a statute other than an appropriation act.

EXPENSE				
NON-CASH AMOUNTS				
Amortization	292	250	250	**250**

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable			
	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Budget	2015-16 Forecast	**2016-17 Estimate**
REVENUE				
None	-	-	-	-
EXPENSE				
Office of the Auditor General	27,011	26,869	26,869	**26,869**
Net Operating Result	(27,011)	(26,869)	(26,869)	**(26,869)**

CAPITAL INVESTMENT

Office of the Auditor General	275	135	135	**135**

ALBERTA

Office of the Ombudsman

Peter Hourihan
Ombudsman

The Office of the Ombudsman responds to complaints of unfair treatment by provincial government authorities and designated professional organizations.

AMOUNTS TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable			
	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Budget	2015-16 Forecast	**2016-17 Estimate**
OMBUDSMAN	3,216	3,282	3,046	**3,328**

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

OBJECTIVE

The Office of the Ombudsman responds to complaints by the public of unfair treatment through the administrative actions or decisions of the provincial government authorities, the patient concerns resolution process of Alberta Health Services and designated professional organizations. The Office conducts independent and impartial investigations into these complaints and, as warranted, provides recommendations to the respective authorities.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Initiates and conducts investigations, in response to written letters of complaint, into administrative matters which fall within the Ombudsman's authority to investigate as determined by the *Ombudsman Act*.

Provides a referral and information service to direct people to the appropriate contact, department or other complaint mechanism for complaints both within and outside the Ombudsman's jurisdiction.

Offers education/training to assist Alberta government departments, agencies, boards, commissions, designated professional organizations and the patient concerns resolution process of Alberta Health Services in developing policy and procedures that enhance administrative fairness.

Offers outreach services across Alberta to increase/enhance awareness of the Office of the Ombudsman.

Conducts "own motion" investigations - this refers to instances where the Ombudsman, on his own initiative, decides to investigate an administrative issue within his jurisdiction.

Investigates administrative matters in response to ministerial requests or referrals from a committee of the Legislative Assembly.

VOTED SPENDING BY PROGRAM

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable			
	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Budget	2015-16 Forecast	**2016-17 Estimate**
EXPENSE				
1 Office of the Ombudsman	3,207	3,282	3,046	**3,328**
CAPITAL INVESTMENT				
1 Office of the Ombudsman	9	-	-	-
Total	3,216	3,282	3,046	**3,328**

AMOUNTS NOT REQUIRED TO BE VOTED

The following amounts do not require a supply vote either because no cash disbursement is required, or because the Legislative Assembly has already provided the funding authority pursuant to a statute other than an appropriation act.

EXPENSE				
NON-CASH AMOUNTS				
Amortization	39	52	36	**20**
Valuation Adjustments and Other Provisions	55	-	-	-
Total	94	52	36	**20**

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable			
	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Budget	2015-16 Forecast	**2016-17 Estimate**
REVENUE				
Other Revenue	1	-	-	-
EXPENSE				
Office of the Ombudsman	3,301	3,334	3,082	**3,348**
Net Operating Result	(3,300)	(3,334)	(3,082)	**(3,348)**

CAPITAL INVESTMENT

Office of the Ombudsman	9	-	-	-

ALBERTA

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

Glen Resler
Chief Electoral Officer

The Office of the Chief Electoral Officer provides administrative, logistic and financial support for the register of electors, general elections and by-elections, and plebiscites in support of the *Election Act* and the *Senatorial Selection Act*. The Chief Electoral Officer monitors and records the financial activities of registered parties, constituency associations, candidates and third party advertisers to ensure compliance with the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act*.

AMOUNTS TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable			
	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Budget	2015-16 Forecast	**2016-17 Estimate**
CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER	7,655	31,685	21,831	**5,668**

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

OBJECTIVE

To provide administrative, logistic and financial support for the register of electors, general elections and by-elections, and plebiscites in support of the *Election Act* and the *Senatorial Selection Act*. To monitor and record the financial activities of registered parties, constituency associations, candidates, party leadership contests and third party advertisers to ensure compliance with the *Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act*.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Provides for the register of electors, elections, by-elections and plebiscites and for communication and liaison with the executive of registered parties, constituency associations, candidates and their campaign officials, third party advertisers and the general public pertaining to the established policies and procedures of the relevant Acts.

VOTED SPENDING BY PROGRAM

(thousands of dollars)		Comparable			
		2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Budget	2015-16 Forecast	**2016-17 Estimate**
EXPENSE					
1	Corporate Services	3,997	4,358	4,358	**4,261**
2	Elections	3,427	23,516	16,973	**907**
3	Enumerations	-	3,311	-	**-**
CAPITAL INVESTMENT					
1	Corporate Services	231	500	500	**500**
Total		7,655	31,685	21,831	**5,668**

AMOUNTS NOT REQUIRED TO BE VOTED

The following amounts do not require a supply vote either because no cash disbursement is required, or because the Legislative Assembly has already provided the funding authority pursuant to a statute other than an appropriation act.

EXPENSE					
NON-CASH AMOUNTS					
	Amortization	469	720	720	**400**

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable			
	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Budget	2015-16 Forecast	**2016-17 Estimate**
REVENUE				
Other Revenue	11	-	-	-
EXPENSE				
Corporate Services	4,466	5,078	5,078	**4,661**
Elections	3,427	23,516	16,973	**907**
Enumerations	-	3,311	-	-
Total	7,893	31,905	22,051	**5,568**
Net Operating Result	(7,882)	(31,905)	(22,051)	**(5,568)**

CAPITAL INVESTMENT

Corporate Services	231	500	500	**500**

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Office of the Ethics Commissioner

Marguerite Trussler
Ethics Commissioner

The Office of the Ethics Commissioner is responsible for administering the *Conflicts of Interest Act*, the *Lobbyists Act*, and certain portions of the *Public Service Act*.

AMOUNTS TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable			
	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Budget	2015-16 Forecast	**2016-17 Estimate**
ETHICS COMMISSIONER	896	1,153	908	**1,130**

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

OBJECTIVE

To provide Members of the Legislative Assembly, Designated Office Holders, and certain staff working in the Premier's and Ministers' Offices, with advice and recommendations regarding understanding their private interests in relation to their public responsibilities and to provide an impartial investigation of allegations of conflict of interest pertaining to those individuals.

To create and maintain a publicly accessible lobbyists registry and to investigate alleged breaches of the *Lobbyists Act*.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Obtains information from Members of the Legislative Assembly, Designated Office Holders, and certain staff in the Premier's Office and Minister's Offices regarding their income, assets, liabilities, and financial interests and prepares public disclosure statements for Members of the Legislative Assembly.

Investigates complaints received from the public or from an elected Member respecting an alleged breach of the *Conflicts of Interest Act* by a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

Maintains a publicly accessible lobbyists registry and provides advice and information to lobbyists and citizens on matters covered by the *Lobbyists Act*.

Conducts investigations into possible contraventions of the *Lobbyists Act* and may require payment of an administrative penalty.

VOTED SPENDING BY PROGRAM

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable			
	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Budget	2015-16 Forecast	**2016-17 Estimate**
EXPENSE				
1 Office of the Ethics Commissioner	896	1,153	908	**1,130**
Total	896	1,153	908	**1,130**

AMOUNTS NOT REQUIRED TO BE VOTED

The following amounts do not require a supply vote either because no cash disbursement is required, or because the Legislative Assembly has already provided the funding authority pursuant to a statute other than an appropriation act.

EXPENSE				
NON-CASH AMOUNTS				
Amortization	17	24	15	**15**

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable			
	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Budget	2015-16 Forecast	**2016-17 Estimate**
REVENUE				
None	-	-	-	-
EXPENSE				
Office of the Ethics Commissioner	913	1,177	923	**1,145**
Net Operating Result	(913)	(1,177)	(923)	**(1,145)**

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Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

Jill Clayton
Information and Privacy Commissioner

The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner is responsible for overseeing the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, the *Health Information Act*, and the *Personal Information Protection Act*.

AMOUNTS TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable			
	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Budget	2015-16 Forecast	**2016-17 Estimate**
INFORMATION AND PRIVACY COMMISSIONER	6,789	6,843	6,757	**6,857**

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

VISION

A society that values and respects access to information and personal privacy.

OBJECTIVE

The Information and Privacy Commissioner of Alberta (the Commissioner) is an independent Officer of the Legislature and reports directly to the Legislative Assembly.

Through the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner (OIPC), the Commissioner performs the legislative and regulatory responsibilities set out in the following laws:

- the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIP),
- the *Health Information Act* (HIA), and
- the *Personal Information Protection Act* (PIPA)

SERVICES PROVIDED

The Commissioner is generally responsible for monitoring the administration of these laws (the Acts) to ensure their purposes are achieved. More specifically, the Commissioner's statutory powers and duties include, but are not limited to:

- Providing independent review and resolution on requests for review of responses to access to information requests and complaints related to the collection, use and disclosure of personal and health information.
- Conducting investigations on any matters relating to the application of the Acts, whether or not a review/complaint is requested.
- Conducting inquiries to decide questions of fact and law and issuing binding orders, whether or not a review is requested.
- Receiving comments from the public concerning the administration of the Acts.
- Giving advice and recommendations of general application respecting the rights or obligations of stakeholders under the Acts.
- Engaging in or commissioning research into any matter affecting the achievement of the purposes of the Acts.
- Commenting on the implications for freedom of information or for protection of personal privacy of proposed legislative schemes and existing or proposed programs.
- Commenting on the implications for access to or protection of health information.
- Commenting on the privacy and security implications of using or disclosing personal and health information for record linkages or for the purpose of performing data matching.

VOTED SPENDING BY PROGRAM

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable			
	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Budget	2015-16 Forecast	**2016-17 Estimate**
EXPENSE				
1 Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	6,770	6,843	6,757	**6,822**
CAPITAL INVESTMENT				
1 Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	19	-	-	**35**
Total	6,789	6,843	6,757	**6,857**

AMOUNTS NOT REQUIRED TO BE VOTED

The following amounts do not require a supply vote either because no cash disbursement is required, or because the Legislative Assembly has already provided the funding authority pursuant to a statute other than an appropriation act.

EXPENSE				
NON-CASH AMOUNTS				
Amortization	84	74	74	**74**

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable			
	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Budget	2015-16 Forecast	**2016-17 Estimate**
REVENUE				
Other Revenue	3	-	-	-
EXPENSE				
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	6,854	6,917	6,831	**6,896**
Net Operating Result	(6,851)	(6,917)	(6,831)	**(6,896)**

CAPITAL INVESTMENT

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner	19	-	-	**35**

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Office of the Child and Youth Advocate

Del Graff
Child and Youth Advocate

The Office of the Child and Youth Advocate champions child and youth rights, amplifies child and youth voices, and fosters child and youth participation.

AMOUNTS TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable			
	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Budget	2015-16 Forecast	**2016-17 Estimate**
CHILD AND YOUTH ADVOCATE	12,394	13,242	13,242	**13,242**

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

OBJECTIVE

The Office of the Child and Youth Advocate provides individual and systemic advocacy services for children and youth receiving designated services in the child intervention and youth justice systems. The Child and Youth Advocate investigates systemic issues arising from serious injury to or death of a child receiving a designated service. In carrying out this function, the Child and Youth Advocate has the powers of the Commissioner under the *Public Inquiries Act*. The Child and Youth Advocate may appoint lawyers to represent children with respect to any proceeding under the *Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act* and the *Protection of Sexually Exploited Children Act*.

SERVICES PROVIDED

1. Advocating on behalf of individual children and youth receiving designated services by ensuring that their rights, interests, and viewpoints are acknowledged and acted upon.
2. Providing quality legal representation to children and youth receiving services under the *Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act* or the *Protection of Sexually Exploited Children Act*.
3. Conducting investigations into systemic issues arising from the serious injury to or death of a child receiving designated services.
4. Promoting the rights, interests and viewpoints of vulnerable children through participating in processes in which decisions are made about them, and through public education.
5. Identifying areas of systemic improvements in government systems that will enhance services for vulnerable children and youth.

VOTED SPENDING BY PROGRAM

(thousands of dollars)		Comparable			
		2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Budget	2015-16 Forecast	**2016-17 Estimate**
EXPENSE					
1	Child and Youth Advocate's Office	654	710	681	**690**
2	Advocacy Services	2,975	2,827	2,870	**2,827**
3	Systemic Advocacy, Evaluation and Research	273	707	504	**882**
4	Legal Representation for Children and Youth and Intake Services	4,247	4,071	3,748	**3,631**
5	Investigations	945	1,670	1,315	**1,729**
6	Engagement and Education	1,192	1,272	1,550	**1,272**
7	Strategic Support	2,033	1,935	2,540	**2,161**
CAPITAL INVESTMENT					
7	Strategic Support	75	50	34	**50**
Total		12,394	13,242	13,242	**13,242**

AMOUNTS NOT REQUIRED TO BE VOTED

The following amounts do not require a supply vote either because no cash disbursement is required, or because the Legislative Assembly has already provided the funding authority pursuant to a statute other than an appropriation act.

EXPENSE					
NON-CASH AMOUNTS					
	Amortization	237	283	283	**283**
	Valuation Adjustments and Other Provisions	88	128	128	**128**
Total		325	411	411	**411**

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable			
	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Budget	2015-16 Forecast	**2016-17 Estimate**
REVENUE				
Other Revenue	3	-	-	-
EXPENSE				
Child and Youth Advocate's Office	691	741	712	**721**
Advocacy Services	2,969	2,846	2,889	**2,846**
Systemic Advocacy, Evaluation and Research	273	715	512	**890**
Legal Representation for Children and Youth and Intake Services	4,262	4,081	3,758	**3,641**
Investigations	965	1,702	1,347	**1,761**
Engagement and Education	1,210	1,282	1,560	**1,282**
Strategic Support	2,274	2,236	2,841	**2,462**
Total	12,644	13,603	13,619	**13,603**
Net Operating Result	(12,641)	(13,603)	(13,619)	**(13,603)**

CAPITAL INVESTMENT

Strategic Support	75	50	34	**50**

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Office of the Public Interest Commissioner

Peter Hourihan
Public Interest Commissioner

The Office of the Public Interest Commissioner serves Albertans by facilitating the disclosure and investigation of significant matters relating to departments, public entities or offices of the legislature that employees believe may be unlawful, dangerous to the public or injurious to the public interest.

AMOUNTS TO BE VOTED

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable			
	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Budget	2015-16 Forecast	**2016-17 Estimate**
PUBLIC INTEREST COMMISSIONER	1,196	1,249	1,100	**1,231**

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

OBJECTIVE

The Office of the Public Interest Commissioner's governing legislation is the *Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act* which creates a safe avenue for public service employees to report, internally or to the Public Interest Commissioner, wrongdoing and/or reprisals relating to Alberta government ministries, agencies, boards, commissions and other jurisdictional entities. The Office of the Public Interest Commissioner conducts independent and impartial investigations into public service employees' concerns and makes recommendations respecting disclosures of wrongdoings and reprisals.

SERVICES PROVIDED

Facilitate the disclosure and investigation of significant and serious matters relating to departments, public entities and offices of the Legislature.

Protect employees who make those disclosures in accordance with the Act.

Manage, investigate and make recommendations respecting disclosures of wrongdoings and reprisals.

Promote public confidence in the administration of departments, public entities and offices of the Legislature.

VOTED SPENDING BY PROGRAM

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable			
	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Budget	2015-16 Forecast	**2016-17 Estimate**
EXPENSE				
1 Office of the Public Interest Commissioner	1,190	1,249	1,100	**1,231**
CAPITAL INVESTMENT				
1 Office of the Public Interest Commissioner	6	-	-	**-**
Total	1,196	1,249	1,100	**1,231**

AMOUNTS NOT REQUIRED TO BE VOTED

The following amounts do not require a supply vote either because no cash disbursement is required, or because the Legislative Assembly has already provided the funding authority pursuant to a statute other than an appropriation act.

EXPENSE				
NON-CASH AMOUNTS				
Amortization	-	-	2	**2**
Valuation Adjustments and Other Provisions	20	-	-	**-**
Total	20	-	2	**2**

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

(thousands of dollars)	Comparable			
	2014-15 Actual	2015-16 Budget	2015-16 Forecast	**2016-17 Estimate**
REVENUE				
None	-	-	-	-
EXPENSE				
Office of the Public Interest Commissioner	1,210	1,249	1,102	**1,233**
Net Operating Result	(1,210)	(1,249)	(1,102)	**(1,233)**

CAPITAL INVESTMENT

Office of the Public Interest Commissioner	6	-	-	-